

# 5Essentials

Thursday, February 17, 2022

Dear St. Patricia Families,

Beginning February 15, 2022, teachers, parents, and students across the district will have an opportunity to participate in the Climate, Culture, and Catholic Identity Survey which contains the 5Essentials, developed by the University of Chicago Consortium on School Research. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school.

The 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by UChicago Impact at the University of Chicago. The survey gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains. These five indicators that affect and predict school success are:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction

Prior research has shown that schools that were strong on at least three of these "5Essential" indicators were 10 times more likely to improve student learning gains in math and reading than those that were weak on three or more Essentials.

All teachers and 4th through 8th-grade students will be responding to this survey. Please review the Parent Notification Letter below. If you do not wish for your student to participate in the survey, please sign and return the Notification Letter by Tuesday, February 22, 2022. We will begin the in-school survey on 2/22/2022. 5Essentials Reports will be generated for schools if their teachers and/or students meet the response rate threshold of 50 percent. These reports will be sent to schools and districts in May 2022.

Additionally, our school has chosen to provide the 5essentials parent survey. If at least 20 percent of St. Patricia parents complete this survey, a parent supplement report will also be generated.

Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

The 5Essentials Survey will be conducted from February 15 through March 18, 2022. To take the parent survey please click [below](#).

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Renee M. Bartley-Bogard